

CHRISTMAS 2023

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St. James Catholic Church

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For any emergency anointing or if you are a Funeral Director, please call Saint Clement Parish, **216-226-5116**.

### Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for submission need to be in by **Monday at noon** the week of publication.

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

### Offertory Collection – Dec. 17, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$1,634.00
Online Weekly Offering	\$790.00
Monthly Offering	\$2,150.00
Online Monthly Offering	\$1,340.00
Total	\$5,914.00



*Thank you for your generosity to St. James Parish.*

### Mass Intentions This Week - St. James

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 am **Ralph Jones †**

Friday, Dec. 29- Fifth Day/Nativity of the Lord

8:15 am **Ruth & Francis Peshek †**

Sunday, Dec. 31- Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:30 am **James Edwin Eink †**

### Mass Intentions This Week - St. Clement

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 am **Thomas McGarry †**

Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

8:15 am **Fr. Joseph Workman (Living)**

Saturday, Dec. 30 - 6th Day/Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm **William & Gayle Craighead †**

Sunday, Dec. 31 - Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 am **Fr. Joseph Workman (Living)**

### Wedding Banns

*III Sarah Scava & Christian Ball*



### No Donuts Today

There will be no donuts today due to the Christmas holiday.

### Prayer for Christmas

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Amen.



### Advent & Christmas Mass Obligations

Christmas falls on a Monday this year. That means that the weekend prior is the fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses do not satisfy the Sunday obligation for the fourth Sunday of Advent.

This means we need to attend Mass twice that weekend into Monday. **Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent is at 10:30 am on Sunday morning, December 24th.**

**The Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas are at 8:00 pm on Sunday evening, December 24th and Monday morning, December 25th at 10:30 am.**

### Catholic Cemeteries - Grief Support

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-office (3:00 pm) at Holy Cross, 14609 Brook Park Rd, Brook Park, OH and virtually (5:00 pm) via Zoom. Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of every month (except where a holiday falls on the 3rd Sunday, then it is the 4th Sunday). **Starting Jan. 21**, topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope & Love." For more information and for most updated schedule of events, contact Rhonda Abrams at: **216-930-4866** or **rabrams@clecem.org**.

### News from AM 1260 The Rock

During the Holy Season of Advent as we await the Birth of Jesus Christ, AM 1260 The Rock is broadcasting special programming to enrich your preparation.

In addition, we will be offering EWTN's "The 48 hours of Christmas," with special programming and Masses for your Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Please visit our website at: [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) for the complete and updated schedule or call us at 216-227-1260. May you have a blessed, very Merry Christmas.

### 2024 Mass Intention Book - Reminder

With our recent Mass schedule change, we will only be scheduling Mass Intentions for Fridays and Sundays for St. James moving forward. The Parish office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### Retrouvaille of Cleveland



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The next Retrouvaille program begins with a weekend, January 26-28, 2024 in Beachwood, OH with six follow up sessions.

For more information, pricing, or to register, visit:

**www.helpourmarriage.org** or call Shelly or Rob at: 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

### Inviting All Women - WWP

WWP is a Catholic women's Bible study that enables women to know Jesus Christ through personal study, small group discussions, and real-life application. **Join our Free Kick-Off on January 11 at 7:30 pm.** (St. James - Lower Church). Come discover the "more" that has changed the lives of thousands of Catholic women! For more information, contact -

**WWPLakewood@gmail.com**

Meetings are: Thursdays, January 11 - April 25 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Registration & Information:

**StJamesLakewood.com/walking-with-purpose**

### Poor Clares Prayer Line

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